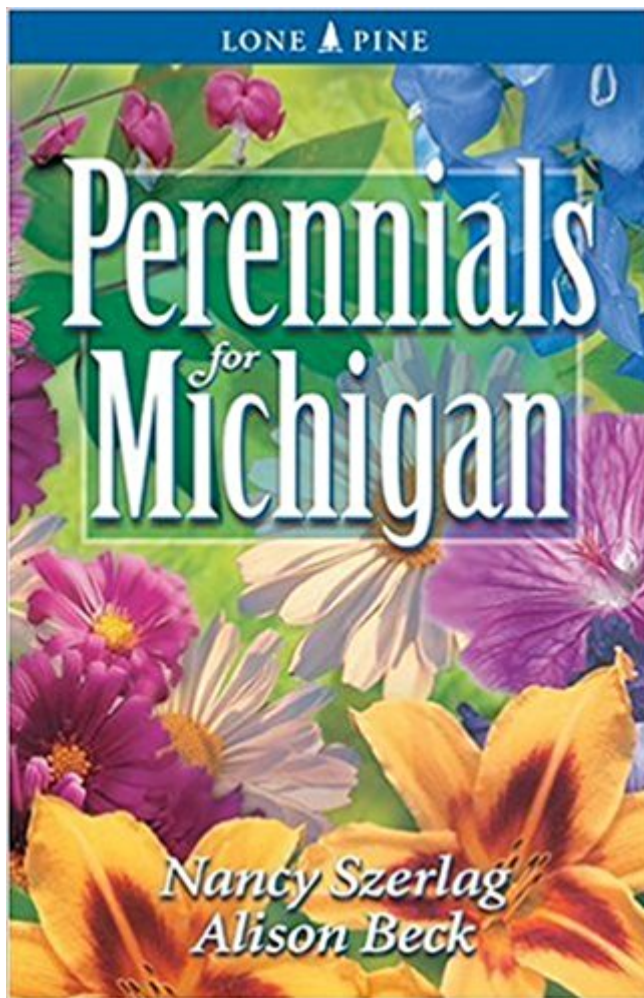




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Perennials For Michigan



Synopsis

Perennial gardening can be easy, fun and rewarding, especially when you have this beautifully illustrated guide at your fingertips. With detailed accounts of 84 different perennials, along with information on 681 recommended varieties and cultivars perfect for Michigan gardens, this book takes the guesswork out of perennial gardening. The authors' common sense and garden wisdom will help you transform any patch of ground --wet or dry, sunny or shady, lakeside or inland--into a spectacular garden you can enjoy year after year.* Flower and foliage colors* Height and spread ranges* Blooming periods* How and when to start your plants* Planting strategies* Light, water and nutrient needs* Choosing the best perennials for different growing conditions* Over 500 color photographs.

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I don't believe I've ever seen a gardening book where the information was as well-organized as it is in "Perennials for Michigan." Often books of regional interest are thrown together and published on the cheap, but this book is tightly-bound, full of color illustrations, and above all, well written. And it's really about Michigan climate and Michigan soils. Someone didn't just go through and change, say 'Iowa' to 'Michigan' with a word processor, then rename the book. The authors make a point of informing the reader which perennials are native to Michigan--another bonus. The best varieties for a particular garden are also described, e.g. the 'Gardenview Scarlet' variety of Bergamot resists powdery mildew more effectively than some of its relatives. The book begins with a pictorial guide called "The Flowers at a Glance" where photographs of the perennials are listed in alphabetical order, by common name. There is a no-nonsense introduction to suitable perennials for the Michigan climate and its USDA hardiness zones. The zone map is more detailed than usual, which is useful for me because I've lived in my new location for less than a year, and the map tells me I need to select perennials that will survive at -20 F. In my former location, temperatures rarely dropped below -5 F. The next few sections explain how to start, maintain, and propagate a perennial garden. The authors detail which plants can be started from stem, root, and basal cuttings and which can be started from rhizomes. There is the obligatory chapter on 'Problems & Pests' before we plunge into the heart of this book: the alphabetically-arranged sections on each of the 681 selected perennials. Each species is described, including origin and bloom time, and whether (thank you! thank you!) deer find it hard to digest. Each has subsections on 'Planting' (how and when to start your plants), 'Growing,' 'Tips,' 'Recommended' varieties, and 'Problems and Pests.' Colored photographs, usually labeled by variety, accompany the descriptions of each perennial. Lone Pine Publishing, you've put together an excellent, well-organized book for Michigan gardeners (even if you are located in Edmonton, Canada). I'm going to order copies for my sister and all my friends who garden in this state. Highly recommended!

This is a great book written by a very knowledgeable and practical woman. It's already one of my favorites and spring is months away. I'm going to have to buy another for my sister who keeps

"borrowing" it.

As a devoted gardener, who just moved up north to "Pure Michigan", this book is just what I needed. It is an invaluable help in figuring out what plants will do well in your part of Michigan and includes a helpful micro-climate map of the state. It has already spared me making a number of rookie mistakes. I turn to it each time I sit down to do garden planning or visit a greenhouse.

Compact and filled with beautiful photos. While other books do a bigger job of filling in with more details and varietal differences, this little tome is an excellent starting guide for "roughing out" the elements of a garden sketch before it becomes a masterpiece.

Love this book! So much good information. My sister had it and let me borrow but I just had to have my own!

Good book for gardeners in Michigan. Identifies Perennials and has great photos/illustrations to help you understand plantings.

This book is an excellent addition to a gardeners library if you live in Michigan. It recommends plants that weather well in our state. It has a map that lets you know exactly where the zones are and in the plant description it lets you know which zone that plant will take. Great pictures and guidelines.

Bought as a gift and I glanced through it. Looks like it will be just what the recipients need. Beautifully illustrated as well.

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